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ANNOUNCEMENT

WAS MADE BY US STATE DEPT ON MAY 8 WHICH CONTAINED THE FORCED ADMISSION THAT AIRCRAFT WAS SENT INTO SOV UNION FOR MILITARY RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES AND, BY THAT VERY FACT, IT WAS ADMITTED THAT FLIGHT WAS PURSUING AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES.

IN THIS WAY, AFTER THREE DAYS, THE STATE DEPT ALREADY HAD TO DENY VERSION WHICH OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN INTENDED TO MISLEAD WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AS WELL AS PUBLIC OPINION OF AMERICAN ITSELF.

STATE DEPT CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO REFER IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO "OPEN SKIES" PROPOSAL MADE BY GOVT OF USA IN 1955 AND TO REFUSAL OF SOV GOVT TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL. YES, SOV GOVT, LIKE GOVTS OF MANY OTHER STATES, REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL WHICH WAS INTENDED TO THROW OPEN DOORS OF OTHER NATIONS TO AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE. ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN AVIATION ONLY CONFIRM CORRECTNESS OF EVALUATION GIVEN TO THIS PROPOSAL AT TIME BY SOV GOVT.

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